IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Messaoud Benantar

Assignee: International Business Machines Corporation

Title: Method and System for Computing Digital Certificate Trust Paths Using

Transitive Closures

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a three (3) month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2007, such extension allowing the undersigned until February 14, 2008, to respond.

The extension fee is being paid via the USPTO EFS. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 090447.

FILED ELECTRONICALLY February 14, 2008 Respectfully submitted,

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